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Sir :

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98, Applicant hereby submits a copy of a Notice Of Reason For Rejection from the Japanese Patent Office that was mailed on December 2, 2003, with respect to patent family member Japanese Patent Application No. 2002-244087, in which the Japanese Patent Examiner cited the following documents:

- (1) Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. HEI 10-327307, which was published on December 8, 1998; and
- (2) Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. HEI 11-027418, which was published on January 29, 1999, together with an English language Abstract of the same.

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- (3) Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. HEI 10-327307 (mentioned above);
- (4) Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. HEI 10-341304, which was published on December 22, 1998;
- (5) Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. HEI 9-231121, which was published on September 5, 1997; and
- (6) Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. HEI 10-114126, which was published on May 6, 1998, together with an English language Abstract of the same. Applicant notes that U.S. Patent 5,991,514 to NIELSEN is an English language family member.

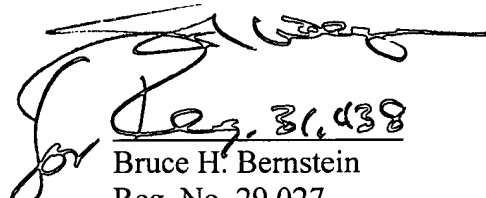
The category of relevance, pertinent portions, and claims to which each document is relevant, as ascertained by the Japanese Examiner applying Japanese rules to the Japanese claims are set forth in the Japanese Notices of Reason for Rejection.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the above material and cite the same. Applicant notes that documents (1), (3), (4) and (5) were previously submitted to the Examiner with the Information Disclosure Statement filed on September 24, 2003, and thus, additional copies are not being provided. Copies of documents (2) and (6) are attached hereto as they have not been previously cited in the present application. All of the documents are listed on the attached PTO-1449 Form. The Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached Form and to return a copy of the Form to Applicant with the next official communication in the present application.

Applicant notes that an Office Action on the merits has issued in the present application, and thus a check in the amount of \$180.00 is enclosed herewith to cover the fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.17 (p). Further, the undersigned hereby authorizes the Commissioner to charge any additional fee necessary to ensure consideration of this statement, or to credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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